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A Spy in Double Trouble

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Arthur Burchinshaw, a British tailor held in solitary confinement here for 14 weeks as a suspected Communist spy, had been accused of being a double agent, his wife said.

Burchinshaw, who worked for a British firm holding the tailoring concession at a United States barracks near here, was arrested on March 31 by American detectives and later handed over to West German jurisdiction.

His blonde German wife, Emma, told a reporter in their three-room apartment in the village of Grating near here: "The Americans claim that he was working for both sides."

Mrs. Burchinshaw, 41, said that after her husband's arrest the German police searched their apartment but found nothing.

Burchinshaw, 33, was a policeman in Liverpool before he came to West Germany.

His German lawyer, Claus von Thielmann, said he had applied in vain to a Bavarian court for Burchinshaw's release. He said his client was held on suspicion of "treasonable relations" with a Communist country and it might be three months before he came to trial.

He has not yet been charged and if he is tried, it will be before the Bavarian Supreme Court.

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